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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5400

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FOR: FAA WASHDC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, VE

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXTENSION OF FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
CONTRACT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER NO. 42-44-010000-OMAM-74-0,
DATED AUGUST 16, 1974, SIGNED J.A. GOMEZ BALDO, DIRECTOR
OFICINA MINISTERIAL AEROPUERTO DE MAIQUETIA, MINISTRY OF
PUBLIC WORKS, STATING AS FOLLOWS (TRANSLATED):

2. BY THIS WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE
RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT EXISTING
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF OUR COUNTRIES, BY WHICH TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
TO OUR OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT.
THE INCREASE WILL BE FOR US\$100,000 AND IS TO BE APPLIED
IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. THE SERVICES OF MR. CECIL L. JACKSON FOR ONE YEAR
RESIDENCE IN VENEZUELA.
2. OTHER SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SERVICES WHICH MIGHT
POSSIBLY BE REQUIRED.
3. CONTINGENCIES.

WE ARE SENDING THE DOCUMENTATION TO THE COMPTROLLER
GENERAL OF THE NATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL, OF WHICH
YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED UPON RECEIPT. (END OF LETTER).

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: VERBAL APPROVAL FROM THE COMPTROLLER'S

OFFICE HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION; VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT, AFTER LAST WEEK'S CRASH OF AN LAV VISCOUNT, ORDERED IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL CIVIL AVIATION FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY. THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTION TO ACCELERATE COMPLETION OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT AT ANY COST. IN CASE FAA SEES DIFFICULTIES IN EXTENDING EXISTING CONTRACT IN THE MANNER REQUESTED BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDES TO AGREE TO THIS REQUEST AS A PRELIMINARY BASIS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION UNTIL A NEW CONTRACT CAN BE NEGOTIATED. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS RECALLS THAT NEGOTIAION OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT TOOK CLOSE TO ONE YEAR AND IS AFRAID OF TIME LOST DUE TO SUCH INTERRUPTION OF ASSISTANCE. AS FAR AS THE VENEZUELAN SIDE IS CONCERNED, SUCH AN EXTENSION AND ANY FUTURE ONES WOULD BE ENTIRELY LEGAL UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT.

5. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS IS IMPROVING. THUS, THE PRESENCE OF AN FAA EXPERT IN VENEZUELA WOULD BE CONDUCTIVE TO IMPROVEMENT OF GENERAL CONDITION OF CIVAIR INFRASTRUCTURE IN VENEZUEA TO THE BENEFIT OF US AIRLINES AND TOURIST AICRAFT. IN ADDITION, SUCH CONTINUING ASSISTANCE IS LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR CONSIDERABLE FUTURE SALES OF US MADE EQUIPMENT.
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